

MIAMI COUNTY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
MAY 2, 2011

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Kendall was not in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

MINUTES

Councilman Wiles moved to approve the April 19, 2011 meeting minutes with the following changes.

Under Items for Council Action

-Sheriff, the word "not" should be added to the following sentence: Councilman McAuliffe asked the Sheriff if he could fill both positions with a jailer and **not** refill those positions because the Council had given him 6 jailers last year.

-Councilmen McAuliffe nayed the vote, not Donaldson.

Under Public Comment

-The name of the taxpayer should have been Floyd Hileman, not Randy Hileman.

The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Mull and passed 6-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

EXTENSION OFFICE, REPLACING EMPLOYEE

Mr. Tom Daugherty, who was representing Gary Horner-Miami County Extension Office, came before the Council to discuss the issue of replacing the assistant office manager position. Mr. Daugherty expressed the importance of the job and the critical timing to have the position filled. Council President Duckwall made the recommendation to increase the employee who would be moving from the assistant office manager to the position of office manager to a salary of \$24,100.00 and the assistant to a salary of \$22,000.00 Councilwoman Mull did not understand why we could not leave the salaries at the 2011 approved levels. Council President Duckwall stated that the council is going to have to make some tough decisions for the 2012 budgets and feels it would be easier to raise salaries rather than lowering. Councilwoman Mull asked if the Council was going to be cutting salaries next year and Council President Duckwall stated no. After further discussion regarding the titles and salary levels Council President Duckwall stated that these changes are specific to the extension office only. Councilman Wiles made a motion to accept the recommendation of office manager salary to \$24,100.00 and assistant office manager to \$22,000.00. Councilwoman Mull 2nd and it passed 5-1 (Hunt).

MCEDA

Jim Tidd, MCEDA, came before the Council to request the council sign the resolution pledging \$1.5 million in C.E.D.I.T. funds for the Hanger 200 project. Mr. Tidd reassured the Council that this resolution is pledging funds in the event that Baldwin defaults on the loan. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Wiles met with the Commissioners and the 9-1-1 Board regarding the resignation of Carol Harbison, 9-1-1 director. Councilman Wiles stated that it would take a few weeks to review

all the applications and start setting up interviews. Councilman Wiles, Council representative and Commissioner Francis, Commissioner's representative will be overseeing the 9-1-1 operations until they are able to refill the position. They will be meeting with the staff on Wednesday to let them know what is happening and that they will need to report to Councilman Wiles or Commissioner Francis. Mrs. Harbison has agreed to work as a contract employee in the event that issues come up and Councilman Wiles or Commissioner Francis is not able to resolve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman McAuliffe. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Mull and passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

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